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Conference on Poverty

Two experts on poverty deeply involved in organizing the poor will keynote this year's Middlebury Conference entitled "Once, Through a Glass Darkly — Now, Face to Face" to be held March 12 and 13.

The two are Saul Alinsky, radical agitator and organizer and Executive Director of the Industrial Areas Foundation in Chicago and Cyril Tyson, Commissioner of the Career and Manpower Development Agency in New York City.

The conference will explore the possibilities for solution of the problems of poverty in the United States. Emphasis will also be placed on the fact that poverty is a rural as well as urban problem and that the two conditions are closely interrelated. The conference will illuminate the diverse nature of poverty and dispel the misconception that poverty is a black urban phenomenon only. Areas in rural poverty scheduled to be considered are: Vermont poverty, and poverty among migrant workers and American Indians.

The conference will follow a diversified format including a teach - in, formal addresses, workshops and informal and unscheduled discussions. All visiting guests of the Conference will be easily accessible for informal conversation; several will be staying in college dormitories.

Tyson will deliver the first keynote address entitled, "Jobs: A Way Out?" Alinsky's keynote address is on "Power For the Poor."

Other visiting authorities on poverty are: Saul Nimowitz, New York City Planning Commission; John Graham, OEO; David Drew, Model cities program, Winooski, Vermont; Duane Birdbear, Dartmouth; Richard Bela, Migrant Workers Division, OEO; Wayne Newell, American Friends Service; John Bloch, OEO; Richard Maloy, Director of Urban Affairs, Economic Systems Corporation; John Guttenberg, Xerox Corporation; William R. Magel, New York Association of Real Estate Boards; Steven Schensul, Illinois Psychiatric Institute; Mrs. E.A. Martin, OEO; Vasili Bellini, Vermont Department of Social Welfare.

Council Opposes Manned Sign-ins

By STEVE EARLY

The College Council last week reversed its position on the use of manned sign-in desks to enforce current parietal regulations in dormitories.

The Council passed by a 6-0 vote (with 3 abstentions) a resolution requiring only that each dorm maintain a sign-in desk and that the dorm council be collectively responsible for seeing that it is used.

"At this time," the resolution stated, "the College Council does not believe that it is necessary or desirable to have these desks manned by students, paid or unpaid."

The council also amended the statement it adopted two weeks ago in which it recommended that the College Budget Committee make appropriate allocations "to insure that a reasonable system of supervision of open hours can be established."

No Appropriation

Passed by a vote of 7-0 (with one abstention), the amendment suggested that no money be appropriated until the student-faculty committee studying social regulations makes its recommendations as to what constitutes a "reasonable system of supervision."

This action was also a reversal of the Council's previous stand which had been that a "reasonable system" (i. e. manned sign-in desks) should go into effect as soon as the necessary money was available — even before the study committee issued its report.

The resolution was proposed by Student Senate Chairman Bill Stearns, who, in the absence of Dean Dennis O'Brien, acted as Council chairman at the Friday meeting. The amendment concerning the Budget Committee was made by Student Senator Karla Baehr.

Parietal Violations

In the wake of the considerable controversy over the handling of two parietal violation

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YOU to Increase Participation of Blacks in Summer Program

The Youth Organization for Understanding has agreed to "demands" by the Black Students for Mutual Understanding calling for a greater black role in the YOU summer program.

Four black students will be made voting members of the YOU governing board, a black will be appointed co-director of the program, and blacks will compose about half of the teachers and advisors.

Behind the "demands" of the black students was their concern that a white-dominated YOU could not develop a feeling of "black consciousness" among the ghetto children in the program. According to director Dale Deletis, YOU now hopes to increase the youths' sense of racial pride by increasing the participation of black adults and college students.

Deletis explained that, "Before a black man can become a man, he must become a **black** man," proud of his heritage and not programmed to imitate whites.

Black students have expressed an eagerness to aid the program, and are looking for an adequate candidate for the co-director's post. They are also considering various fund-raising events.

The extra fund raising may prove necessary as the involvement of more black students will impose an additional financial burden on the program. Both DeLetis and BSMU member Frank Jones, pointed out that while white students coming from more affluent backgrounds can afford to do volunteer work for a summer, blacks must often finance their education. They therefore will require salaries if they are to participate in YOU.

Senate Demands Open Meetings

The Student Senate has unanimously passed a resolution requesting that "College Council meetings henceforth be open to all senators and members of the college community at large."

(The Council, which has maintained a policy of closed meetings throughout the year, last week voted to hold a special open session tomorrow at 12:15 in Proctor Lounge.)

Meeting on Sunday night, the Senate later defeated a more detailed proposal which would have allowed students and other non-members of the Council to come and speak at its meetings.

The Senate also heard Dean of the College Dennis O'Brien give a short talk on the last issue of **The Campus.** While declining to discuss specifics, O'Brien said that he was seriously concerned about the newspaper's "dominant rhetoric." This rhetoric, he said, is creating an image of the college in which there is "deceit" and "mistrust," and an atmosphere where we "will never find the truth."

Board Policy Altered

Off-Campus Eating to be Restricted

High Cost of Social Units Cited

By PETER DE YOE

Middlebury men will no longer have the option of eating off-campus because the administration plans to put into effect, beginning next September, a 1967 trustee ruling requiring all upperclass men to contract for meals either in College or fraternity dining facilities.

"The need to assure adequate funds for finance and maintenance of the Student Societies now under construction" was the primary reason for the new eating policy, said Dean of the College Dennis O'Brien.

O'Brien said that he didn't anticipate the ruling will be "a very popular policy," but he declared that the new policy was 'a classic example of the hard decisions that must frequently

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NEWS ANALYSIS

The administration's move to force Middlebury men to either eat on-campus or in fraternities starting next semester is aimed at helping to ensure the success of the new eating and social units scheduled to open late this year.

But the manner of announcing the new policy to students—an edict taking away a student freedom seemingly without consultation — may backfire and actually set back Old Chapel's efforts to get the eating and social units (eatsols) off to a good start.

In the first place, prohibiting off-campus eating has been in the works for two years. In 1967, the board of trustees approved measures specifying that all Middlebury students were to have College-approved housing and dining facilities.

Thus the announcement that the eating policy will start next September is actually only the putting into effect of a policy already endorsed by the trustees.

Until planning began for the new eatsols, no one ever cared if several dozen independents chose to eat in Middlebury instead of at fraternities or on-campus. The College required a freshman to pay board for Proctor Hall meals, but the upperclassman was free to eat where he pleased. Most upperclassmen went to the fraternities; and the few non-joiners either to Proctor Hall or downtown.

But now the College casts a covetous eye on the greatly enlarged group of upperclassmen who do not go to a fraternity. From this group must come the charter members of the new eatsols, in which the College has invested several million dollars.

No one knows whether the eatsols will go over well or not.

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Peterson Denies Campus Charge of Harassment

By PETER DELMAN

Dean of Men Bruce Peterson said in an interview with the **Campus** Monday that he has no impression he had harrassed or intimidated the student called into his office about a parietal violation. The charges were raised in the Student Senate and in last week's **Campus.**

Peterson categorically denied that he took any unfair advantage or that he assumed a position of moral indignation in speaking to the student.

Peterson said that it was his policy not to give out information on confidential discussion with students, but that the student was asked no unfair questions.

Peterson's side of the story did not appear in the last issue of the **Campus** because Peterson happened to be away from Middlebury during the short time available for writing the story. Any implication in last week's **Campus** that Peterson was avoiding the issue was unwarranted and unintended.

Come to the First

Open College

Council Meeting

Friday, 12:15

Proctor Lounge

Black Revolution Discussion Held

Black militants and student radicals were compared and found differing in several aspects during last Sunday's discussion of Malcolm X and the black revolution.

Blacks and students can work together, Frank Jones asserted, only if students are willing to change the system instead of standing back from it in contempt.

But Jones had reservations. "What happens to the student radical when he graduates?" he asked. He anticipated that white students will decide that their prosperity depends on oppressing blacks.

Jones found student movements disorganized and individualistic, while the black movement needs unity.

Instructor Logoglu felt that blacks only "dissipate energy" in working with radical students. "Today's radical is tomorrow's conservative," he asserted.

In response to a comment from the audience, Instructor Murray said white radicals see appression of blacks as only a part of the oppression caused by a white materialist culture.

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be made — choices which involve a constraint on completely free choice so that a program becomes possible at all."

Middlebury women, O'Brien noted, are already required to dine in College eating facilities; thus the new ruling "brings the situation for men in line with the current policy for women."

"Exceptions will be made for good cause by the Deans," O'Brien said. Students living off-campus, he said, will not be affected by the ruling.

The ruling will apply only to men living on-campus who hold no meal contracts either with fraternities or with the College. Director of Dining Halls Gordon Bridges estimated about 50 men fall into this category.

A large number of these off-campus-eaters dine at Lockwoods Restaurant in Middlebury. The owner of Lockwoods, Clayton Breiner, told **The Campus,** "We're going to be hurt," when the new meal policy takes effect in September.

Breiner said "around 20 or 25" men ate nightly at Lockwoods. He indicated he would go to the Deans to discuss the new ruling.

The new ruling of denying men the option of eating off-campus stems from the need to guarantee that the annual $110,000 debt service will be met to pay off the College's $1.48 million investment in the first of three eating and social units, Dean O'Brien explained.

"It makes me financially very edgy," commented O'Brien, "to think about paying off our sizable investment in the new dining facilities."

O'Brien cited the 1914 Ohio court ruling in Gott v. Berea College that established the right of a college to require its students to eat on campus. Gott, a restaurant owner, had sued Berea College for damages when the school, acting in loco parentis, had required its students to take meals on-campus.

The administration's manner of announcing the decision — first revealed by O'Brien at a recent College Council meeting — was not the best possible public relations, O'Brien admitted in response to a reporter's question.

"I guess we hoped this ruling would sort of go away," O'Brien said.

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cases by Deans Bruce Peterson and Elizabeth Kelly, the Council also acted to clarify the proper judicial procedure in such cases.

It unanimously approved an amendment to the Constitution of the Judicial System directing that all infractions of dorm regulations be reported by "any student, college staff member, Administration member, or faculty member" directly to the President of the Dormitory Council. The appropriate Dean would then be informed after the dorm council had tried the case.

Citing the article in last week's **Campus** that charged the Deans with a violation of "the rights of students," Stearns asked Dean Peterson for an explanation of his action concerning the recent parietal infraction in a men's dorm.

Peterson maintained that he invited the student involved to his office merely to inform him of his rights. He admitted that he had mistakenly told the student that he could have his case heard either by the student judicial board or the Dean himself.

As was pointed out later in the Student Senate and in **The Campus,** the student also had the right to appear before his dorm council.

Realized Mistake

Peterson told the College Council that as soon as he realized his mistake he contacted the senior fellow in the student's dorm and asked him to inform the student of this additional option.

Stearns pointed out that if there is to be trust in the dorm councils the proper judicial procedure must be observed. Peterson agreed to abide by the new procedure under which infractions will be reported directly to the dorm council and students informed of their rights by a member of that body.

When asked about her handling of the parietal violation case in one of the girls dorms, Dean Kelly admitted that she did not "have much of a defense to make." Like Peterson, she agreed to allow the dorm councils their proper role in the future, and then told the other members of the College Council, "If I erred, I am sorry."

Students Attend

The Council meeting began with a discussion of Bill Stearns' motion that the meeting be made open. Stearns proposed this after he and the other members of the Council arrived to find that a group of 15 interested students had also decided to attend — some of them in response to the invitation extended in a **Campus** editorial.

While Stearns stressed the need for direct communication between the Council and students, several of the adult members objected to the "coercion" being used to change the Council's policy of having closed sessions. Dean Peterson said that he would not participate if the meeting was opened and the students allowed to remain.

Stears' motion was then defeated and the students were asked to leave. Student Senator Dick Sheckman moved that the Council conduct an open meeting tomorrow at 12:15 in Proctor Lounge, and his motion passed unanimously.

Board Analysis

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Will the concept of "your own society" be accepted? Will students work to build the societies into viable organizations?

Only time will provide the answers, but it is crucial for the College to ensure that the eatsols will operate on a financially-sound footing.

Here, in effect is the rationale behind the no-off-campus eating rule. If a man is not a Greek, but doesn't like the socieities either he can certainly eat down town as long as he pays the required board fee to the College.

In other words, the College will be assured of a steady source of funds to maintain the eatsols' operations and pay off the costs of erecting the units. "Very heavily financial" reasons, in Dean O'Brien's words, are the rationale for establishing the new policy.

One trouble with the new eating policy, from the student point of view, is that it apparently was made arbitrarily without proper consultation with students.

The group of some 50 persons eating off-campus at present will not take the new ruling kindly even though the policy was established two years ago, when students were slightly less assertive of their rights.

It is unlikely that Old Chapel would accede to any but the most vehement demands to roll back the new meal policy. To do so would leave no insurance for the possibility that men might desert the eatsols in droves to eat somewhere else.

James Elsbery, asst. director of the Center for Urban Education in New York City, will deliver the William H. Edmonds Lecture tonight at 8 p.m. in Dana Auditorium. Sponsored by the Department of Sociology - Anthropology, Mr. Elsbery will speak on the topic, "Racism and Educational Research: Change the Premise, Not The Child."

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ment every weekend; first a variety show, then a Freshman party,a joint venture with the English Department in "Mourning Becomes Electra," and finally a party on the 25th. In February up to Carnival the first weekend BOG sponsored a film and then a Valentines Dance. Examining last year's calendar, BOG can point to a function on nearly every weekend — you are welcome to examine our files. Don't forget BOG's Olde Bandroom also has silent movies every Thursday night and live entertainment · Saturdays. Upcoming, BOG will be sponsoring a weekly franchised Bridge Club at which real live "master points" will be awarded.

If there still exists the belief that we are "inefficient," (and please give us time to start as the new Board has just recently assumed the reins), we shall not be shocked," as Hobson assumes, but indeed encourage Senate investigation into any facet of our organization. We recognize the present powers of the Student Senate over BOG—to investigate, and to disband our charter. We acknowledge they likewise have the right, if they want, (although it would be superfluous considering the above powers) to create and appropriate our budget which is now $10,000.

But they too must understand that if, say, they cut our budget to $7,000, the other $3,000 (to the best of my knowledge) be legally inaccessible to them and could only go toward the mortgage and operating expenses of Proctor Hall. Such action would, therefore, only damage Middlebury's social schedule.

We have nothing to hide, and are happy that an investigation is now underway to prove this true.

Jon Groetzinger
Member of BOG

Mr. Hobson Replies:

There is a difference between BOG being a closed society, and BOG meetings being closed. One of the points made in my article was that "anyone who has ideas" must have those "ideas" judged by BOG members who have shown themselves fit only by their "description of participation in other activities" (only two-ninths of last year's members having chosen to return.) Such a description is hardly an adequate criteria for judging people who will spend what amounts to $1000 each. The "less than two dozen" that applied for BOG are not the only students on campus interested in working for better social activities, only those interested in joining BOG. As a criteria for selection in the proposed Senate subcommittee, may I suggest not "description," but demonstrated ability (i. e. those working for the Johnson "Happening").

BOG, at the writing of my article, had spent $1000, 1-3 on a dance in the Hepburn Zoo which drew approximately 100 unenthusiastic people. The cost per person amounted to $3.25, a price hardly fitting the entertainment provided. This $325 dance was one in a series of unsuccessful Zoo parties. Compare this BOG-organized event to the student-organized Johnson "Happening," price: only $40.

The attitudes of BOG have changed in that members now admit that the organization can be investigated, perhaps because an investigation is already underway. Confusion still persists concerning the source of BOG money; one BOG member wrote the **Campus** last week and warned that Proctor Hall would be repossessed if BOG were denied its funds. Actually the Student Senate could easily appropriate the entire allotment to a new organization, or could split the sum up so that the "other $3000" could go to another social organization — both without forfeiting the money to the Proctor Mortgage fund. The fact remains that Middlebury lacks an ample social program, and that BOG members, who have gotten the money, literally, in 15 minutes of "description," often do not have the qualifications or the inclination to improve the social life at Middlebury. BOG must still answer the question, "Why is BOG more fit to spend student funds than an organization created by and responsible to the Student Senate.

LIMON DANCERS

The Jose Limon Dance Company will present a program of modern dance at 8:30 tonight in Wright Theatre.

IFC Takes Action

The IFC acted to indefinitely suspend three members of DKE fraternity for violations of the parietal rules as brought to light the night of the DKE fire.

In other action the fraternities decided to open all Friday and Saturday night parties to freshmen.

Newly elected IFC officers are: Tom Derogatis, President; Art Johnson, Vice President; Jim Hand, Secretary-Treasurer.

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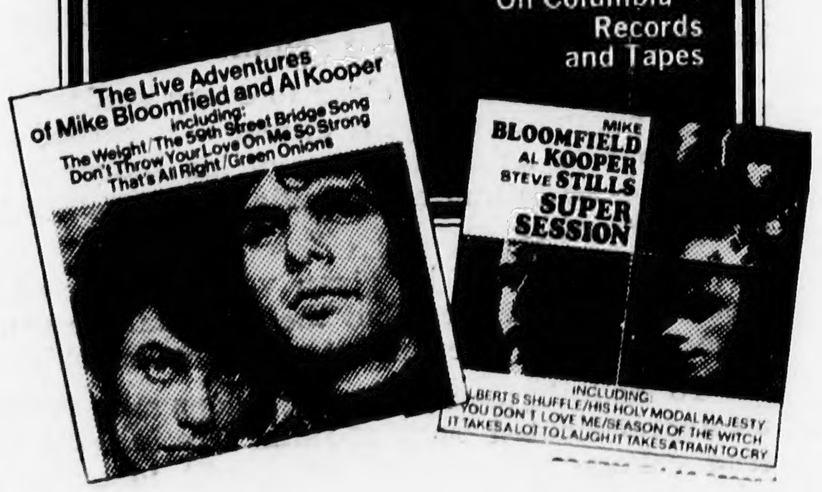
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Editorials

Open Meetings

The College Council will hold a public meeting tomorrow. Hopefully, the Student Senate measure asking that all Council meetings be public will be adopted. We urge all students to attend; we feel it is the duty of all Senators to attend. We realize that most students are not prepared to accept the responsibility of an active role in college affairs. But, Senators have committed themselves to this endeavor, and it is encumbent upon them to take advantage of every opportunity for involvement.

The opening of the College Council is an important step toward having student positions represented throughout the governmental and policy making organization at Middlebury. Proposals will be presented this semester calling for open faculty meetings, more student representation on committees hitherto under the sole jurisdiction of the faculty, and a greater voice in all policy decisions. We believe that granting more legislative responsibility to students will instill a far more serious and mature attitude among them. More important such action could harness a great potential for constructive thinking to serving the needs of the entire Middlebury community.

Potential for Contribution

"The student is not simply a patient to be operated on by the faculty or administration, not a passive recipient of a service he cannot perform," it says in the CSL report.

We feel that the student's traditional lack of concern for the important issues facing the college can be attributed to the reality that most students don't believe the above statement.

We feel most students agree with '67 Editor of the Campus who said "the classroom should be a kind of academic filling station into which the student carries his mind and, having previously laid down his tuition, says to the fellow in front of the class, "Fill 'er up." We don't know of any administrators or faculty members who agree with the latter opinion.

However, we do think that the college has failed to do what can be done to change the self-belittling attitude among students which dictates that the student's role in the learning process is a passive one and that his role in the directing of that process is a non-existent one. The Senators have failed to exercise their powers to improve Middlebury's academic environment, because they do not believe that they have something to offer in a consideration of the academic future of Middlebury.

Students slight their own capabilities and potential for contribution. The administration and faculty are in a position to change this attitude and should do so in the best interests of the entire community.

It should be made clear to every student that he is here to pursue a four year career — a career altogether as serious in spirit as those of his teachers. Students should be as intimately familiar with college policy as faculty members.

Students should be given voting power on committees in the realization that the potential for contribution is not necessarily dependent on age or experience.

To institute the above suggestions may seem to some an unprecedented 'leap of faith.' We feel the ideal of a true college community will profit in an atmosphere where such faith is nutured.

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Winter Term Success

The faculty and administration of Middlebury College deserve the enthusiastic praise and gratitude of the entire Middlebury community for their effort in making the Winter Term an outstanding success. Despite deep seated doubts about the new schedule in many quarters faculty members worked hard without exception to turn a blueprint for free, intensive and specific inquiry into an exciting reality. The formidable task of planning an unprecedented course from scratch in the middle of an academic year was accomplished with imagination and eminent skill.

The faculty's energy and committment was rewarded in some instances with a rare and lasting committment to learning. Virtually all students reciprocated the faculties exemplary spirit with a fresh and positive attitude toward their academic pursuits.

The **Campus** is still in the process of studying Winter Term in depth, but recognition for the faculty's achievements should be delayed no longer.

The Conference

The Middlebury Conference is the academic high point of the year. It is the one time when the entire Middlebury community may participate in a common learning experience. The relevance of the intellectuual inquiry is clear. The issues explored are as exciting as they are important.

In past years Conference organizers have done a fine job, but students and faculty have overwhelmingly turned their backs. The turn out last year was embarrassing and shameful. Worries have been expressed in high places that the Conference cannot survive unless more interest is shown. Dr. Armstrong would like to see the program develop a far greater scope and significance at Middlebury — —we concur.

This year's Committee has worked doubly hard to make the Conference a success. Scheduled events and impromptu colloquia will afford speakers maximum exposure. The conference will be characterized by give and take discussion and opportunity for all to express opinions.

We urge all members of the Middlebury community to demonstrate their committment to the ideals the Conference represents by participating.

An Open Letter to Dean of The College Denn

In your statement before the Student Senate Monday night you called attention to the rather wild rhetoric in last week's editorial. You addressed yourself to the general tenor of the paper and said that, because you had been away all weekend you had not had time to look into the specific issues raised.

I, too, was concerned about the rhetoric in the editorial. Before the paper went to press I decided that the tone of the editorial was overblown and that a milder presentation of the same ideas would be more effective. I realized that you would light upon the phrase "concerned students must slice through the rhetoric" and quite logically point out the self-contradiction. So, I changed the tone of the editorial at the press Wednesday afternoon quite completely. Those corrections were totally ignored by the Addison Press and the editorial stands as originally written.

Since you were away from Friday until Sunday you are not aware of the effect of the last **Campus** here at Middlebury. The reaction of the student body was overwhelmingly enthusiastic. Students for the first time in my experience at Middlebury were talking excitedly in the Proctor line about the school, waving their copies of the **Campus**. I walked into the room of two students I hardly know in the new dorm and found the editorial pinned on the wall. Students came up to me and told me that the student body stood in support of the **Campus**. Every "type" of student here at Middlebury took time to praise the **Campus**. Conservative fraternity men, athletes, radicals, all students were involved, expressive, angry. I returned to my dorm to find a polemic pinned on the front door asking students to come to the College Council — this was totally unsolicited. A group of students with absolutely no urging from anyone on the staff acted on the suggestion to sit in on the College Council. The Council interpreted this presence as coercion **Campus**. That interpretation dents involved.

Faculty members too, ex the **Campus**. To date I hav few individuals outside the C have voiced their disapproval

The editorial was written ing against an eight o'clock d ten in a mood of frustration, It came out ingenuous and b feelings which the Middlebu sponded to. I succeeded, unw the gut feelings and opinions In retrospect I am glad that make the corrections. The ed a true reflection of what is w

At the Senate you raised dents will not be led by the that all our adjectives about i deceiving students are true. I the positive reception last wee vast majority of students ne cognize the existence of these know from past experience quite ready to dismiss **Campu** strong radicalism. It didn't h time. You were not here to o belive that my interpretation

Students have already be the old apathetic ways. Most were going to be written ha The excitement has died aw this are treated in an editor peat them here. But what h dent body last weekend cann it happens again it will be to of Middlebury College.

Sincerely,
Peter Delma
Editor-in-Chi

Workshop

By KARIN ABARBANEL

The members of the Workshop which performed Othello recently, interpreted the tragedy of the play to be a fundamental lack of communication between and within the characters involved — communication based on truth and a meaningful attempt at mutual understanding. It is Othello's failure to communicate and to discover, in Iago's words, "how to love himself. . ." which eventually led to his mistrust and murder of his wife Desdemona. And it is ironic that ultimately Iago's whispers have the strength of a dagger, while Othello's trust, the weakness of a whisper.

The choice of popular songs opening the performance, including "I Heard It Through the Grapevine" and "The Taxman," attempted successfully, I think, to establish this theme. The taxman, for example, tells those from whom he collects:

Let me tell you how it will be
There's one for you, nineteen for me
'Cause I'm the taxman. . .

There is no explanation involved, no avenue of protest for those taxed, no reason for the taxman's existence apart from

p Presentation: 'Othello'

s collection function; only the arning that "should five per- ent appear too small, be thank- l I don't take it all."

The Workshop which perform- l Othello on February 28, Mar. and 2, succeeded both in es- blishing this theme and sus- ining it consistently to the con- usion of the play. The per- rmers, several of whom had ver acted in a major produc- on before, gave one of the st student performances of a akespearean play which I, in y limited experience, have en. The production succeeded large part because the group as able to overcome several ajor problems which often ob- ruct the interpretation of the ay itself, by both the perform- s and the audience.

The first problem seems to that in a Shakespearean play rformers must interpret the alogue both verbally and dra- atically. The poetry and word age are often unfamiliar to e audience, and unless the tor is able to interpret Shake- eare's language clearly, its amatic import is lost to the dience, and he is reciting ra- er than acting.

It often appears that perform- s have failed to convey this amatic meaning because they emselves do not understand the language deeply enough to use it as a vehicle for their emotional and dramatic message. Some performers attempt to compensate for this basic lack of understanding by over-acting or recitation, which result in a melodramatic or lukewarn performance.

Another problem of productions in general and student performances in particular is that the quality of acting and communication between performers is frequently uneven. The production may have an excellent Othello but a colorless Iago which may cause the entire interpretation of the play to seem inconsistent and inconclusive; or the actors involved may not know the play or each other well enough to respond believably. The result is often a play which doesn't seem to "hang together" as a dramatic whole.

I think the members of the Othello Workshop managed to give sensitive performances, because they cared enough, comprehended enough and acted together enough to know both what they wished to say and how they wished to say it. Many of the merits of the performance may be explained by the way in which the Workshop came into existence. A freshman, Paul Dambowic, who played the part of Iago, approached a drama major, Vassilios Haralambides and asked him if he would be interested group of interested in a Shakespearean play. They looked around for a play and decided upon Othello, mainly, it seems, because they felt that many of the problems found in the play, including that of a black person's status in a predominantly white society would be "relevant" and interesting, both to the actors and audience. Then they held auditions and found eleven other people willing to contribute a great deal of time to a study of the text and the actual rehearsals of the play.

David Kunhardt, a freshman, gave a powerful perfomance as Othello, a man too weak to understand himself or to withstand the insinuations and subtle falsehoods fed to him full strength by his trusted friend Iago. Paul Dambowic gave a subtlely convincing performance as Iago, who motivated by a hate of Othello and a desire for power seeks to destroy Othello by convincing him of his wife, Desdemona's, adultery and, in his words,

. . . turn her virtue into pitch and out of her goodness make the net that shall enmesh them all.

In many ways Iago is the most complex character in the play, and Dambowic's performance was under-played just enough to be both convincing and frightening. Maia Sampson as Desdemona and Emilia, Iago's wife played by Sandra Lang, both gave sensitive and emotional performances. Peter Driscoll as Roderigo, a Venetian fop, Eddie Seymore as Cassio, Desdemona's supposed lover, and Ann Common as Bianca, his mistress, all gave effective and entertaining performances.

Early in the production, the group made a decision to emphasize the poetry of the play, rather than attempting to modernize or radically re-interpret it. Although, I think that this decision was carried through in most of the play, some of the effects, while interesting or novel in themselves, did not enhance or contribute to the understanding of the play. At one point in the play, Iago attempts to console Rodrigo who is unhappily in love with Desdemona, by advising him to circulate widely and spend freely. While the two were discussing the mat ter, people began running from the sides of the stage and surrounded them like wingless harpies chanting "Fill thy purse with money," "Put money in thy purse."The actual dialogue was lost in the chanting which obscured rather than illuminated the full meaning of the words. This happened again when tapes were played at several points in the play. Apparently, the words on the tape were supposed to represent the inner thoughts of the characters involved. However, the tapes and the characters spoke simultaneously with the result that both were confusing and indistinguishable.

Perhaps the major alteration in the Workshop production of the play was the portrayal of Othello by a white man, while his wife's supposed lover Cassio was played by a black man. The reason for this reversal seems somewhat vague. The change might be an attempt to prove that the situations Othello encountered existed entirely apart from the fact that he was a black man, or that the same problems which faced a black man in a given situation would be identical to those of a white man. However, the switch was not justified in the text of the play and seemed in awayto be more an attempt to introduce a modern problem into the framework of the play. Again, also, it did not substantively add to the audience's understanding or alter the audience's emotional reaction to the characters.

These additions to the play, while they certainly colored the production, did not, really alter its basic character. It should be said once more that the performance was a highly successful one mainly because of the devotion and perception of the students involved and their desire to communicate not only their interpretation of Othello but also their own enthusiasm, taxmen be damned.

LETTERS

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Logic of Abuse

To the Editor:

There was such a barrage of criticism of all and sundry in the last issue of THE CAMPUS that I do not intend to try to comment on the substantive points. In many cases, I do not myself know the whole story, so it would be arrogant to do so. I prefer to comment on the larger issue which, if I may, I would like to label the "logic of abuse."

Academic societies have a range of abuse which they ladle out with abandon. Students become inured (somewhat) to being told that their classwork 's "ill-informed," "sloppy," and icompetent." Faculty can be "impersonal;" administrators are "obstructive," "obtuse" and "anachronistic."

These epithets may be applied truly or falsely; they may be lightly born or crushing in certain cases. But the normal logic of abuse is intended (perhaps only a pious hope) to improve the community of learning and teaching.

What of the epithets in the last CAMPUS? To take the editorial as a single example, it was alleged that Middlebury students were being "Fooled, confused, hoodwinked, patronized, ignored, scoffed at, misinformed, (Subject to a) deceitful smokescreen, (victims of) injustices." Administrators, some faculty and even some students were pictured, so it seemed, in the favorite phrase of Mr. J. Edgar Hoover as "Masters of Deceit."

Now the problem with the logic of abuse used in THE CAMPUS and by Mr. Hoover is that it is not substantive in the community, it is operational on the possibility of community itself. If I really come to believe that my political opponent is engrained with deceit, then all talk becomes useless. Even abuse itself becomes meaningless since the opponent is so far removed from any community with my interests that he will dismiss criticism as mere rant. The next step is obscenity and war. Obscenity admits its own descriptive emptiness and exists only as range; war finally admits that the only dialectic is that of "fists and pistols."

There is really no rival to THE CAMPUS. You have the field almost unopposed, and it is your insistent vision of Middlebury College that appears from week to week in the cold finality of print. It might be easy to dismiss your vision of the College, but I am very much afraid that finally it creeps into the pores of the institution and produces a community which is suspicious, embittered and small of soul. I do not think such a vision is a true picture of Middlebury College, and I am sure that no college can ultimately survive the embedding of such a vision in its heart and mind.

Dennis O'Brien

On Trust

To the Editor:

In a short address at Sunday's Student Senate meeting, Dean O'Brien cited a need for trust between students and administrators and implied that the current issue of the **Campus** was creating distrust at Middlebury. Mr. O'Brien quickly pointed out that he would discuss specifics — but at some other time, Having just returned from a trip, he said he was too tired for specifics — but eveidently not too tired for a ten minute talk on trust and a **Campus** editorial.

To me, Dean O'Brien's discussion of **Campus** rhetoric is incomplete without a few references to specific events and issues. I listened to Dean O'Brien at the Senate, and as former editor-in-chief of the **Campus**, I would like to offer some of those references.

1. Two weeks ago a Campus reporter asked Dean of the Faculty Cubeta for information on departing members of the French Department. The Campus trusted Mr. Cubeta's account and ran a short article based on his remarks. A week later, two members of the French Department were prompted to write letter to the editor correcting Mr. Cubeta's account. In addition, a review by a French major indicated on good authority that the dismissals and reshuffling were designed to build a higher calibre department. Mr. Cubeta could have reciprocated the Campus's trust by saying so.... **himself.**

2. On January 16, Senate Chairman Bill Stearns enthusiastically noted the Senate's vote for 24-hour parietals. (33 to 2 with 4 abstentions.) The Senators **trusted** that he and the other students on the College Council would support the motion in the Council. Instead, after their own serious deliberations **but without consultation with the Senate,** Mr. Stearns Miss Baehr and Miss Johnson voted against 24-parietals for the present time. Their vote was not malicious, but they were nonetheless irresponsible to the Senate's trust in them. (To her credit, Miss Baehr has since suggested informing the Senate of their voting stance before the College Council votes.)

3. In the same instance, the Senate implicitly **trusted** their representatives on the Council to act in the liberalizing spirit of this year's Senate. Instead, those representatives accepted a proposal drafted by Dean O'-Brien for more **strict** enforcement of current parietal rules, Responding to student outrage and a **Campus** analysis, Mr. Stearns had that section of the proposal amended last Friday.) Again, there had been no consultation with the Senate, and apparently not much more deliberation.

While speaking of the hyperbole of the **Campus** editorial, Dean O'Brien **repeatedly** focused on the idea of deceit. There is only one reference to deceit in the editorial: 'the deceitful smoke screen" **covering changes in the French Department. The editorial does not create** student distrust; **it makes note** of it and in part **asks** students to dispell it by **attending** the normally closed session of the College Council.

Interestingly, the Campus **has consistently been criticized for ignoring college events; now it is criticized for its language in commenting on them. Yes, students are outraged, but not because of the language of the** Campus: **it is because of events and issues, because of violations of disciplinary procedures, because of inept judgments of Senate leaders, because of closed-door policy decisions, because of a Dean's misleading account of dealings with the faculty.**

Dean O'Brien chose to ignore these issues and, in their

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By DAVE BREEN

New York Times political analyst David Halberstam observes in his recently released chronicle of the 1968 Presidential year that it began and ended in the same quiet way, its early predictions on policy and personality for the most part fulfilled, with the tumultuous events and surprises of the race obscured by the outcome as if Kennedy, McCarthy, etc. were never there.

The winter intramural sports season this year forms a curious and close parallel to this unusual segment of history. For, while DU won hockey as expected and Zeta Psi repeated as basketball champions, straightforward reporting of these results would leave the full story sadly untold.

To begin with hockey, the DU team that was not to be even scored on with its dazzling sophomores and tough goaltender, Greg Lewis, was not what the previews boasted. They finished the season undefeated, but in a tie with a Chi Psi squad led by grizzled veterans like Rick Morris and Andy Power who were not to be denied or impressed. DU had been tied by Slug, and Chi Psi had an early loss, which tied tied the two teams on points.

It took a playoff to prove DU's probable slight superiority over Chi Psi.

The game went into overtime. Andy Power put Chi Psi in an early 1-0 lead and the first mark was made in what had to be a test of their offensive might against DU's defensive strength, which eventually prevailed. All-Bush Tom Harrington tied it 1-1 and fed Bill Berry for the overtime goal that put DU where they were supposed to be, but by the thinnest of margins in a 3-way fight.

Then there was basketball. In a year that began for DTO like King Arthur starting off on the Crusades against unimaginable mythical odds, and hardly making it out of England at the start, the Holy Grail of victory eventually eluded their grasp by the margin of only a free throw with four seconds to go in a championship playoff.

Zete was favored to win, and they were tough all year, falling only to DTO in a one-point game at mid-season in one of John Mallouk's finest hours. DU went down for a 54-26 count and TC was no match for the Stevenson - Davis - Bergstrom express.

But DTO defied all speculation. As implied, they lost their first game, to Theta Chi, the team that, with DU, made the quest a four-way race. After that exercise in learning teamwork, no one touched them. Led by Duke Mallouk, ballhandler, shooter and defensive specialist, who played every game in his Sunday best, and backed up by hot-handed Lee Jones and big rebounder Bill Collins, DTO brought home the gold and spices every week. Typical was the DU game, which DTO took 51-46 in a game that was not as close as the score indicated.

As surprisingly tough Theta Chi faded and DU gained their second loss, it was DTO and ZPTL tied at 9-1 with no way to pick a favorite in the championship game. It turned out to be a game of mediocre play for the teams involved, but lacked nothing in suspense.

Zete took their characteristic early lead with their characteristic hustle, spirit, and fast break. John Stevenson hit regularly as did Chuck Davis, while Ken Bergstrom bagged the rebounds when they did not. But DTO stayed in the game, defended well, and eventually took a 4-point lead with two minutes to go as Davis and company went cold and Mallouk hit the one-on-one jump shot.

Then the roof fell in. Davis stole the ball, scored, DTO missed a shot and lost the rebound, Stevenson hit, and Zete got the ball back. With 30 seconds left in a tie game, Davis stalled for 25 and hit Stevenson who was fouled while shooting by a disgusted Mallouk. With 4 1-2 seconds to go, according to clocktender J. Gerald Alaimo, Stevenson hit both free throws and Zete won 37-35. DTO's last big more had fallen short, but no one can call them losers for the year.

The final touch on the season is the selection of the All-Bush squad, which many consulted agree represents the best players this year as well as possible.

KDR's Ed Yunk was the league's leading scorer at 21.1 points a game, tied for season output of 169 points with and single game high of 28. Jimmie Brown, but who had only 16.9 a game.

Draft Counseling

A campus draft counseling center is now operating one afternoon a week to provide all interested male students with accurate information concerning alternatives to the draft.

Started by Jack Silberman, Fran Chin and Ron Najman, the counseling service is available every Wednesday from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in Proctor Hall, room 202.

In addition to pamphlets, newsletters, and handbooks on the draft, the three students are also offering information on how to contact professional draft counselors from any one of the national peace or resistance groups.

Hoopsters Defeat RPI In Alaimo's Last Game

By CHARLIE BEALL

In one of the greatest moments in Middlebury's athletic history, the Panther basketball team toppled a heavily favored RPI quintet, last Saturday night, 68-57. It was a sweet victory that even the most casual spectator could feel a part of.

The dramatic setting was a sentamentalist's dream. Coach Gerry Alaimo, after five years as head coach, was directing his last gamebefore moving on to Brown U. and the big time. Senior Rick Minton was playing his last game before moving on form. So too was Kevin Ducey, out all year with a knee injury and starting this game with a chance to show flashes of an old brilliance never destined to reach its full potential. The supporting cast of underclassmen played the deciding role in the actual victory, but this was a game that belonged to the three departing geniuses of Middlebury basketball.

The Panthers survived the first half with a surprising three point advantage due mostly to a tenacious defense, and the board control of center Gene Oliver.

The Middlebury offense sputtered in the first stanza with hooker Jimmy Keyes having trouble finding the range. Ducey, starting for the first and last time this year, missed several possible assists when some nifty passes fooled both Panthers and Engineers. In the beginning of the second half, Kevin swished one from the top of the key with a shot that looked like an instant replay of two campaigns ago. The scoring parade was on, and the result was never in doubt.

The second half RPI bulge of seven points was incidental, for the guardian angel of Middlebury basketball was in residence. With Keyes and Oliver finishing with 20 and 22 respectively, and John Flanagan and Lee Cartmill zipping around the court like water bugs, the Engineers were simply outclassed.

With three seconds to go on the clock, Coach Alaimo walked down the bench and embraced a deliriously happy Rick Minton. At that point the gallery rose and began a five minute torrent of appreciation. For some of the old guard this applause was as much an expression of respect as anything else. When publicity man Paul Whiteman, a former Panther star himself, escorted Mrs. Kelly to the floor for a team victory portrait, the faithfuls who had risen from the depths with the team could each seen behind a thin veil of tears to be conducting a kind of personal celebration.

This was Middlebury's final tribute to Messrs. Alaimo, Minton and Ducey. Of course sentimentality has forced the omission of some other prime movers throughout the season: Torrant, Kufta, Browning, McClain, Skelly. These players will make increasingly louder noises in the seasons to come. This year, despite a "losing record" the team was nothing short of magnificent. Remember a few months ago — I told you so!

Duke: A Career in Sport

By NAT AYER

Everyone on campus, and most likely everyone in the entire world, recognizes the perennially jovial countenance of Duke Nelson, present Director of Athletics. Perhaps he has been your coach, or you have ridden on a bus with him, and listened to everything from a discourse on mountains to the entire history of a Middlebury graduate.

Perhaps, then, you won't be surprised at the following resume of his long career, for after this June he will step down from his top post and hand it to Dick Colman.

Duke attended Dorchester High, outside of Boston, where he played football, hockey, baseball, of course, but also added swimming and golf to his list. He went on to Tilton School, where he repeated the same sports, but accomplished the feat of playing both hockey and basketball in the same season.

Here at Middlebury he was restricted to only two years of football, but played four years of hockey and baseball (captaining both), and golf. As at Tilton, he graduated Cum Laude.

He thought that about the same percentage of students participated in athletics then as now, but that sports was a much bigger thing. "We weren't allowed to have cars, or get married, so everybody went to the games."

Upon graduation he was asked to remain and coach, which he did plus run most of everything at the field house, until after four years, in '36, he went to Union to coach. He stayed there for three years, till he got the head coaching job of football at RPI. "What I wanted to do most."

In '42 he went into the Navy Pre-Flight program, and after four enjoyable years he came out a Lieutenant Commander, having spent most of his time running physical fitness programs at various bases.

He returned to RPI briefly, then to Middlebury, where he's been ever since. He has been head football, hockey, and golf coaches, and his overall record is: 213-172-13. He was appointed Director in 1956. Offices he has held are: President, American Hockey Coaches Association '56, '57; President Tri-State Hockey League, '55; NCAA (East) Tournament Selection committee; ECAC Tournament Committee, '62-'64; Eastern Hockey Officials Association, '34-'52.

Duke has seen many Middlebury students achieve so many honors, he can't put his finger on any one or two that stand out. He spoke very warmly about the job of a coach. "You see what your kids have done, hope you've helped them." He feels a coach in some ways has an advantage over the academicians, because, "coaches are closer to a boy, he's part of a team," and it's a more personal, basic relationship, making it possible for an older person to help a younger boy. He feels fortunate to have been in touch with so many good men.

When asked if he will retire in '72, he grinned. "I hope not, but I think they'll make me." Duke will have his first leave of absence ever this next year, and he will return next spring for golf, and continue as a Professor of Physical Education. He hopes to benefit from the well deserved leave, but does not know exactly what he'll do. But grinning again, always, he added, "My wife says I can paint the house."

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

9:30 a.m. Opening of Conference Mead Chapel
Teach-in
1:00 p.m. Panel Discussion: "Model Cities" Proctor Lounge
2:30 p.m. Panel Discussion: "The Other Minorities" Dana
(American Indians and Migrant Workers)
8:15p.m. Conference Keynote Address: "Jobs: A Way Out?" Cyril Tyson Mead Chapel
9:15 p.m. Informal Discussion with Mr. Tyson Proctor Lounge

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

9:30 a.m. Round Table and Workshop: "The Role of Private Enterprise in the War on Poverty" Proctor Lounge
1:30 p.m. Panel Discussion: "Rural Poverty" Proctor Lounge
3:30 p.m. Conference Keynote Address: "Power For the Poor" — Saul Alinsky Mead Chapel
4:30 p.m. Informal Discussion with Mr. Alinsky Proctor Lounge

Readings

The Schoolhouse in the City — Alvin Toffler
Maximum Feasible Misunderstanding — Daniel Moynihan
Poverty as a Public Issue — Ben Seligman (ed)
Poverty in the Affluent Society — Hanna Meissner (ed)

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"Second Look At Black Nationalism" J. J. Carroll America 117: 84-5 J. 22 '67
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Wednesday, March 12, 9:30 Mead Chapel

More Letters . . .

Clear Water?

To the Editor:

I am writing in regard to Mr. Steve Early's article on Mr. Douglas Meredith and the Central Vermont Public Service Corporations proposed atomic power plant at Charlotte, Vt. I feel that I have some facts that will perhaps supplement and correct this particular article of the **Campus.**

First, let us all agree that we all need electrical power. If you were one of those involved in the northeast blackout of 1965, you know the disastrous effects of living without it. Vermont's electrical needs have been doubling every seven years, and this rate of growth shows no signs of abating. At this moment, CV buys 80 percent of the power it uses from out-of-state sources. With the completion of the Vermont Yankee plant in Vernon, of which CV owns 35 percent of the power to be produced, this figure for out-of-state sources will be lowered substantially.

Even so, we will still depend on spending large sums of out-of-state for power purchases. Worst of all, our present suppliers are finding that they are having less power to sell because their own needs are growing. Thus the question is not whether we should permit the construction of a new plant in Vermont, but whether this plant should be fossil-fueled, or nuclear powered.

I myself take personal interest in the general welfare of the State of Vermont, because this is where I would like to make my future residence. Pollutant-free skies and clear water are two reasons for my fondness of this state. In light of this and the facts I have learned, I favor nuclear power generation over fossil fuel plants.

I wish to discuss the main issue of pollution, but I also want to compare costs of these two types of power generation. Let me defend my point by citing some errors in Mr. Early's article.

The public's great concern over the escape of radioactive material from the generating plant is understandable, but also unnecessary. The water that condenses the returning steam into water, and the water that is heated by the reactor core to produce steam are contained in two separate circulating systems. The former never contacts anything radioactive and is returned to the lake, river, ocean, or whatever it was removed from. The latter is radioactive and is contained and recirculated within the core and turbine itself.

The water that is discharged is hot and cannot be simply dumped back into its source. In the case of Vermont Yankee plant, special cooling towers are being constructed to prepare the water for safe discharge. A similar system would be necessary for the Charlotte plant. It is interesting to note that many scientists feel that a slight increase in the temperature of a body of water may improve the ecology contained therein. Drastic indreases would most likely produce the effects described by Mr. Early.

I am surprised that the only point where there occurs a measurable discharge of radioactive material was excluded from mention in the article. This is the vent stack for the condenser off-gasses, and the amount of the discharge is a fraction of the limit considered safe by the Atomic Energy Commission. Leaks from the reactor core are virtually impossible due to the five inches of steel and many feet of concrete which surround the heart of the system. In the event that the reactor went completely, out of control, the core would simply melt into a solid mass because the fuel is such that the critical mass could never be reached. Would you rather have this type of plant or a smoke spewing fossil fuel plant?

The danger of a nuclear plant, "particularly one of an experimental nature," are pointed out in the **Campus** article. The first nuclear plant began operation in 1957 at Shippingsport, Pennsylvania. There are now 16 in use, with many more on order. Thus it is absurd to call the proposed plant "experimental."

Present day nuclear generating stations are operating at a cost below that of the conventional fossil fuel plants. The January, 1967 issue of "Resources for the Future" says that **the Tennessee Valley Authority, the largest government owned** power company, has announced that

. . .after a detailed comparison of coal-fired and nuclear power plants it had placed orders for two nuclear units totalling more than 2,000 mega watts to be located in Alabama. The TVA which in 1965 generated about 75 percent of its electricity from coal, is located close to major coal fields and enjoys fuel costs well below the national average.

Fuel savings are particularly important in New England where power costs run 20 percent above the national average due to smaller, older plants, and lack of hydro-electric power.

The **Campus** mentioned one of Mr. Albert Cree's visits to the atomic energy commission in Washington. The AEC is the public's protector, and Mr. Cree at the time was in the process of seeking an operating permit for the Vernon plant. Previous to this a separate construction permit was required. Extensive investigations and public hearings are held by the AEC to insure the safety of the public before construction and operating permits are granted.

I feel that Mr. Early has slighted Mr. Meredith by only mentioning the President of Middlebury's Board of Trustees' business experience. Academically he also is notable, having graduated from Syracuse University Phi Beta Kappa, and having earned his Ph.D at Yale. He has also been a professor at UVM.

I hope what I have to say will throw some additional light on Mr. Early's article.

Randolph Rowland

Mr. Early replies:

The **Campus** is continuing its investigation of the proposed nuclear power plant on Lake Champlain, and there will be more on CVPS and Mr. Meredith in coming issues.

UnBogish

To the Editor:

I write not to rebut Hobson's article on BOG's "inefficiency" (Feb. 20), but to clear up certain obvious falsehoods and rectify his shallow reporting. His two basic contentions were 1. that BOG's organization is undemocratic, atypical, and unMiddleburyish and 2. that it is being prodigal in its expenditure of $10,000 with social programming "inefficient" in relation to the funds available.

Besides being only his own opinions, the above contentions are either wrong or incomplete. First, BOG is NOT "closed to all but nine students who have been chosen in a typically inefficient manner." BOG meetings are open to anyone who has ideas or just wants to audit. They are usually Tuesday nights at 10:00 — please come.

Also, taking for granted that an individual's qualifications for setting up a social calendar are, indeed, harder to judge than for becoming, say, a disc jockey, decisions on new members made by the incumbent Board are determined on the applicant's past experience on BOG or his initiative and imagination as shown in his description of participation in other activities. Moreover, this gripe over an inequitable system for choosing BOG members founders in hypocrisy — with less than even two dozen showing enough interest to apply for an interview the choice was little more than deciding between one of two people. Besides is there any better way to pick BOG members?

Second, after examining the calendar of past social events sponsored by BOG, I can see little way to agree that it has been "inefficient" in its social programming. During the month of January there was entertain-

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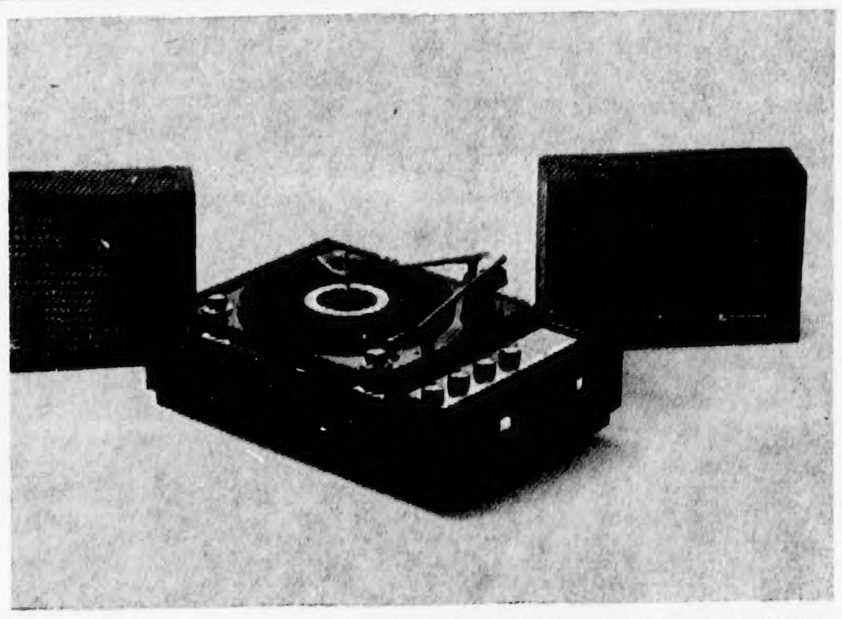

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place, delivered a panegyric on mutual trust and the evils of **Campus** hyperbole. His appearance at the Senate was like an oil slick on stormy waters.

I hope his effect is temporary. I hope the Senate considers that there are legitimate student interests which the administration may not share and which student leaders may not safeguard.

It is up to students to maintain **trust** in the uses of politics with the administrative and faculty factions on campus — and at the same time maintain **outrage** at the deception, misrepresentation and violation of rights which the **Campus** has reported.

Dean O'Brien is correct to point out that as students we are not "fooled, confused, hoodwinked" etc.

Not yet. Not until we believe that the only alternative to mutual distrust is the congeniality of a College Council in which proper distinctions between student, faculty and administration interests are blurred.

Dick Bttman

"Superb"

To the Editor:

The administration of Middlebury College must have learned a great deal from the student rebellions that have disrupted campuses across the country. They seem to be trying their best to incite students here.

Early in the year it was announced that the car registration fee would be raised from $10 to $25. So we pay for the plowing of roads we cannot use and the reservicing of parking areas that are restricted. In order to pacify the students, Dean O'Brien sends us all a letter of administration double-talk.

Now we have been informed that the French Department is leaving. Matter of fact, we have been informed of several different sets of facts. Cubeta says one thing, O'Brien another, Boucier another still. No rational student could possibly believe that there is any backbiting going on around here.

Then last week, we found out about some administrative bungling of student affairs. No thinking student could possibly doubt the competency of our deans.

We aren't allowed at College Council meetings yet (though this **may** change). We are allowed to participate on certain faculty committees (though we are not as yet allowed to vote).

Now we hear that all students will be forced to pay board. Instead of letting students avoid paying money for food of dubious quality, the administration has apparently decided to force this feast on us. No student could possibly consider this an abridgement of his freedom.

I for one would like to stop getting double talk and empty rhetoric from the administration. I for one am fed up with paying for things that we cannot use. I for one want a real voice in student affairs, not the token voice we've been given.

The last edition of the **Campus** was superb. If the administration is burned it is because the editors are finally getting to the business of airing all the dirty linen that has begun to accumulate.

I wonder if the administration at this college can stand up and defend their policies on their merits. I wonder if the administration realizes that they must talk to students straight, and avoid the lies of the past. I wonder if Dean O'Brien really was 19 once.

Jack Bornstein

Dogs in Heat

To the Editor:

I am having a bit of difficulty understanding why it is that when we ask for an open dorm system, not only is the proposal rejected but we are informed of "stricter enforcement of present parietal hours." Is the administration so upset by the suggestion of possible cohabitation?

I would like to know what specific reasons there are for the College Council's actions. The only reasons that were made available were Dr. Parton's statement that, "24 hour parietals could be harmful to the "health and stability" of many students, and the College Council's decision that at the present time, "it had considerable reservations" about open dorms and a "lack of sufficient information on co-educational 'iving." The offered explanations are fine evasive ones, but I would be very interested in learning exactly what is considered to be harmful to our "health and stability" and just what reservations the College Council has.

In the recent room search two couples were found together — only one of them, however, was breaking the prescribed parietal hours. From the reaction of Deans Kelly and Peterson towards both couples, it would seem that Old Chapel is upset about sex on campus. I cannot help getting the idea that the administration feels that by keeping hold of the present parietal hours, and by making sure that these are enforced, they will be "purifying" the dorms of much of their sexual activity. I am getting really mad with people who constantly imply that whenever a couple sleep in the same room the bed springs squeak out time to an undulating beat.

If we are all dogs in heat as some here apparently believe then what difference is it going to make whether we are in bed

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at 11:30 instead of 3? I feel very confident that couples bent on sex can make the necessary adjustment.

Greg Valpey

Frustrated

To the Editor:

Re: **The Campus** — "I read it. . .and don't always like it!"

When I read the opening sentence of your last week's editorial (Feb. 27) I was most frustrated and enraged, and now reports of Dean O'Brien's comments to the senate have prompted me to make my criticism public. You, your staff, and other members of the Middlebury community may feel "fooled, confused, hoodwinked (and) ignored by the administration, by many of the faculty and more often than. . .(you) like to think by. . .(your own leaders" — but I personally know many people who do not feel that way; and I refuse to be put into your collective "the students of Middlebury College" who you claim are being treated in such a manner.

While communication among administration, faculty and students is certainly not perfect, it will only be improved by attempts on **all** sides to understand each others reasoning. It seems to me that the administration and faculty have done at least as good a job at this, if not better than we have. When students look for condescension and patronage in everything which those who have authority over them say or do, they are bound to see it whether it is there or not.

We don't have to be where you say "we're at" — babies, if we, too, make an effort to understand and communicate. I think that some students here are doing this, including the leaders who "hoodwink" you "more often than 'you' like to think!"

Anne Harris

A Tid-Bit

To the Editor:

Thank you for saying what we all hesitate to say — that at the present time, the "student voice in the governing of Middlebury College" is a tidbit tossed at the concerned to lull their protest. It is **obviously** nothing more substantial when we are permitted to decide niggling matters — and expected to accept as final wisdom most decisions on issues of importance when flung from the heights by those not directly affected thereby.

The imbroglio of the last several weeks, as you so accurately detailed, indicates irrevocably that, in our illusion of self-government, we are indeed being ruled!

Several months ago, a faculty member of the Senate exploded with the statement, "No one pretends that this College is a democracy!" Perhaps it is this premise, basic to our conception of student life, that must be reevaluated. At any rate, I hope that the last issue of the CAMPUS has served to compel everyone to consider such possibilities.

Sherry Manasse

Muddy Pasture

Dear Sirs:

The February 27 issue of the **Campus** has finally exposed a fabrication which has been around for as long as I can remember. When I came to Middlebury in 1964 the place was run like any other high - class prep - school. The facade of student-counsellor stuff that no one pays any attention to after junior high concealed a rigid framework of rules laid down and enforced by those in charge. Kids were suspended for being on the wrong side of route 125 after 10 and you got thrown out for stealing library books. To everyone it was a clear - cut case of us against them. They tried to catch you and you took all you could get. For me and most people I knew this system worked out fine and nobody got confused.

Now, Middlebury is bogged down because it is off the safe ground of hard line authoritarianism, but can't reach the supposed objective of student self-determination. To me, Middlebury is like a '63 Buick in a muddy pasture. Dean Peterson is at the wheel with Dean O'Brien up front and Mrs. Kelly in the back seat. The car is stuck and Peterson is spinning the wheels and only digging her in more. Dean O'Brien is nervously working the door handle and Mrs. Kelly keeps saying "get out and push." They are stuck and so is everyone else in this foolishness about student rights and laws and mock-up legislature.

First and last Middlebury is a business proposition aimed at the upper-middle class market of parents who want to do the "right thing" for their kids.

Stephen J. Salley

Sometimes

"We read it (sometimes); we pay for it); we don't like it."

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Mike Jones
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Dorothy J. Wimett (?)
Paul Blocklyn

He who speaketh wow, spiritUALLY Masturbateth.

Honesty

To the Editor:

I just want to make sure that the **Campus** staff, particularly Messrs. Delman, Early, and Shrubsole, are formally congratulated on the excellence of last week's edition (Feb. 27). It is encouraging to find, rumors to the contrary, that there **are** some Middlebury students who care enough about what's going on around them (and in front of them, and behind their backs) to protest, openly. For the first time in three years of **Campus** reading, even the **cartoon** was worthwhile! May we have many more similar fits of relevance and honesty in the issues to come.

Nancy Heller

Relevance

To the Editor:

Last week the **Campus** came out with the first really relevant issue of the year. I am glad to see that after one and a half semesters of dull routine reporting the staff has emerged with an issue that, if not wholly accurate, at least treats the major problems facing students at Middlebury — successfully.

Nevertheless, I resent the implications by a minority of three on the College Council that I was coerced by the **Campus** into trying to attend last week's meeting. Ever since the formation of our present form of government I have felt that all

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Council meetings (as well as faculty and some trustee meetings) should be open to any students wishing to attend. Several days before anyone had read the **Campus,** several friends and I had already decided to attempt to attend the College Council meeting scheduled for last week. The Editorial came after our decision to go — it was not the impulse that prompted our action.

Erhard Mahnke

A Little Buckley

To the Editor:

Do I detect a bit of post-election die-hardism i n Mr. Early's "Nix on Tricky Dick's Sick Picks?" Rarely has there been a presidential cabinet beyond reproach, and after all, everyone is entitled to a few mistakes. How soon we forget; I seem to recall the F-111 principally as Mr. McNamara's baby. As Mr. Early notes, Mr. McNamara's airplane had a propensity for disintegrating in midflight, and neither the Army nor the Navy wanted this all-purpose catastrophe in the first place. I recall also that Mr. McNamara was a Ford Motor Company executive, presumably a member of the military-industrial complex upon his appointment, but he has never caught hustling tanks to the Pentagon.

Then there was the quiet incompetence of Mr. Rusk. His forgetfulness regarding the removal of U. S. missile installations in Turkey during the Cuban missile crisis almost resulted in monumental national blackmail by Russia. There are others, of course, but I'm sure that Mr. Early understands my point. And remember too that the entire Nixon cabinet selection (with the exception of Hickel) was supported with praise by a Senate of notably Democratic majority membership. Give Mssrs. Laird, Hickel and Packard a chance to make their mistakes before you extrapolate to attrocities that have no basis in fact at present. The New Republic is a perfectly respectable journal (although given to overstatement), but Mr. Early's approach is fundamentally lopsided. A little Bill Buckley never hurt anyone, Mr. Early.

Geoffrey Weiss

Mr. Early replies:

Everyone is indeed entitled to a few mistakes — but not mistakes like Laird, Hickel, Packard, Blount, Volpe, Mayo, Kennedy, Campbell and Leonard. (For more on these last six "sick picks," see next week's Campus.)

Mr. Weiss apparently thinks that I have no business criticizing Republican Administration appointees who have been duly approved by a Senate with a Democratic majority and who are succeeding cabinet members of a Democratic Administration who made their share of mistakes too.

On the contrary, I find it very disturbing that senators Kennedy, McCarthy, Fulbright, and McGovern did not do more to oppose the appointment of Laird, Packard, et al. I no more approve of McNamara's advocacy of the F-111 than I do of Laird's advocacy of the Sentinal ABM system. I am not a fan of Dean Rusk.

As for the F-111, it appears that it will be very much Mr. Nixon's "baby" also. Last November 2, Tricky Dick went to Fort Worth, Texas, home of General Dynamics, the builder of the billion dollar bomber whose wings fall off. I quote from I. F. Stone in the January 2, issue of the New York Review of Books:

" 'The F-111 in a Nixon Administration,' the candidate said at Fort Worth that day, 'will be made into one of the foundations of our air supremacy.' "

Perhaps Tricky Dick was just trying to win a few votes from the people who work at General Dynamics; perhaps **his** approach is "fundamentally lopsided." A little I. F. Stone never hurt anyone, Mr. Weiss.

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